

## Deck the downtown halls!

Christmas wreaths will adorn the doors and windows of downtown businesses as part of the BIA's first Deck the Halls festival.

"It's going to make downtown look Christmasy and festive," said BIA co-ordinator Janis Fread.

Merchants who take part in the festival will each receive an identical 18-inch grapevine wreath with a red Christmas bow, supplied from the three downtown florists - Blooms Away, Blue Springs and Rene's. The wreaths will then be decorated any way merchants wish, from a traditional Christmas theme to making it represent their type of business.

All the wreaths will be up for display by next Saturday (Nov.

25). A winner will be chosen as the "viewers' choice" by downtown shoppers filling out ballots.

The winner will be announced on Dec. 9, Deck the Halls festival day. Casting a vote could be very worthwhile. One random ballot will be drawn and a \$200 shopping spree will be awarded. The winner will be able to use the prize money in any of the businesses involved in the festival.

Flyers identifying the more than 25 businesses involved in decorating Christmas wreaths will be given out during the Santa Claus parade on Saturday.

Fread said it will be a festive addition to the "white lights" look many merchants have adopted.



**REMEMBERING IN SONG:** The Harmonic Conversions led Remembrance Day assemblies at AHS with the singing of O Canada. Harmonizing from left are Chris Seads, Trevor Hogan and Jenn Vidler.



**I N F O R M A T I O N**

**TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

**REGION-WIDE REASSESSMENT**

### Assessment Notices

Effective November 6, 1995, the Assessment Branch of the Ministry of Revenue has mailed Assessment Notices to individual property owners/tenants in the Region of Halton. This Notice identifies the new assessment figure which will be used for your property effective January 1, 1996.

If you want to know how this new assessment will affect your property tax bill, you can calculate your estimated new tax amount with the following three steps:

1. Identify the new **Assessed Value** for your property. This is found on the Notice of Property Assessment in bold print approximately in the middle of the notice.

2. Identify the **Mill Rate** which applies to your property.

Residential properties should use:

0.3463280 (urban areas)

0.3213932 (rural areas)

Commercial properties should use:

0.4074447 (urban areas)

0.3781132 (rural areas)

3. Multiply the **Assessed Value** by the **Mill Rate** to determine your estimated annual property tax.

Assessed Value x Mill Rate = Estimated Taxes

If you want more information about your assessment, Open Houses will be held from November 20, 1995 to November 24, 1995. Please check the Information Sheet provided with your Notice of Property Assessment for the place and time.

**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

### Santa Claus Parade (Acton)

On September 25, 1995, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills enacted a by-law authorizing the temporary closure of various roads within the municipality for the purpose of the following community event:

**Acton Santa Claus Parade**

**November 18, 1995,**

**1 pm to 2:30 pm**

*Acton Blvd. to Queen St. to Young St.*

*to Mill St. to Main St., North on Main*

*to River St.*

This courtesy notice is published to advise area residents and motorists of this significant community event.

## Students try to remember

BY KAREN WETMORE  
The Acton Tanner

Threats to our freedom are still present today, Acton High School vice-principal Gary Crocker told students during Remembrance Day assemblies Friday.

Crocker used Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's recent assassination and the ongoing

Bosnian civil war as examples students could use to see the importance of remembering Canadians who helped make our country free.

"As it becomes more and more of a distant memory for your generation, please take a moment to remember those who took the ultimate sacrifice," Crocker said.

Students read poems as a slide

show flashed images of Canadian soldiers and civilians during World War II. An unseen trumpeter played *The Last Post*. The words of one poem may have expressed the students' position best:

"We cannot remember what you remember, but we remember what we can and we will pray with you for peace."

## Coun. Elliot in angst over arena

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Acton Tanner

The longer it takes to nail down servicing and financing deals for the new Acton East arena, the more frustrated Acton Councillor Norm Elliott becomes.

Town Council recently bought an eight-acre site for the new facility on the north side of Hwy. 7 east of Churchill Road. But nothing more will happen until the Town finds out if it will get a provincial grant and the Acton East developers agree to share the cost of servicing their land for development.

At a recent Town Council meeting, Tom Shepard, director of recreation and parks, said the provincial funding question should be clearer following the Harris gov-

ernment's economic statement later this month. The Town had applied for \$1.3 million in capital funding for the arena from a former NDP government grant program.

"If there is any good news in this, it is that I was told by ministry staff that the one program that they are reviewing is the one we applied under," Shepard said.

"What that means, or what the outcome will be, I have no idea."

Shepard said he would have another update for council following a meeting with the Acton East developers and Town and Regional staff. That prompted Councillor Norm Elliott to complain that he was frustrated with the delays and the fact there is no political involvement in the talks.

"I'm looking for some assurance from Mr. Shepard that there is a plan 'B' if the answer from the province is no, we're not getting any money," Elliott said.

Town administrator Ray King assured Elliott that staff share his concerns about the arena project and said the key issue is servicing the land - putting in storm sewers, water mains and roads.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson commented if the Town couldn't service the arena land, she'd be willing to look for another site.

Elliott said finding a new site would be going back four or five years in the arena development process.

## Break-in

Someone has obtained a supply of power tools from an Acton store, and Crime Stoppers wants to know who it was.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, in the early evening, a cement block was thrown through the front door of Leathertown Lumber at 264 Main St. N. Saws, staplers and nailers valued at \$3,000 were stolen.

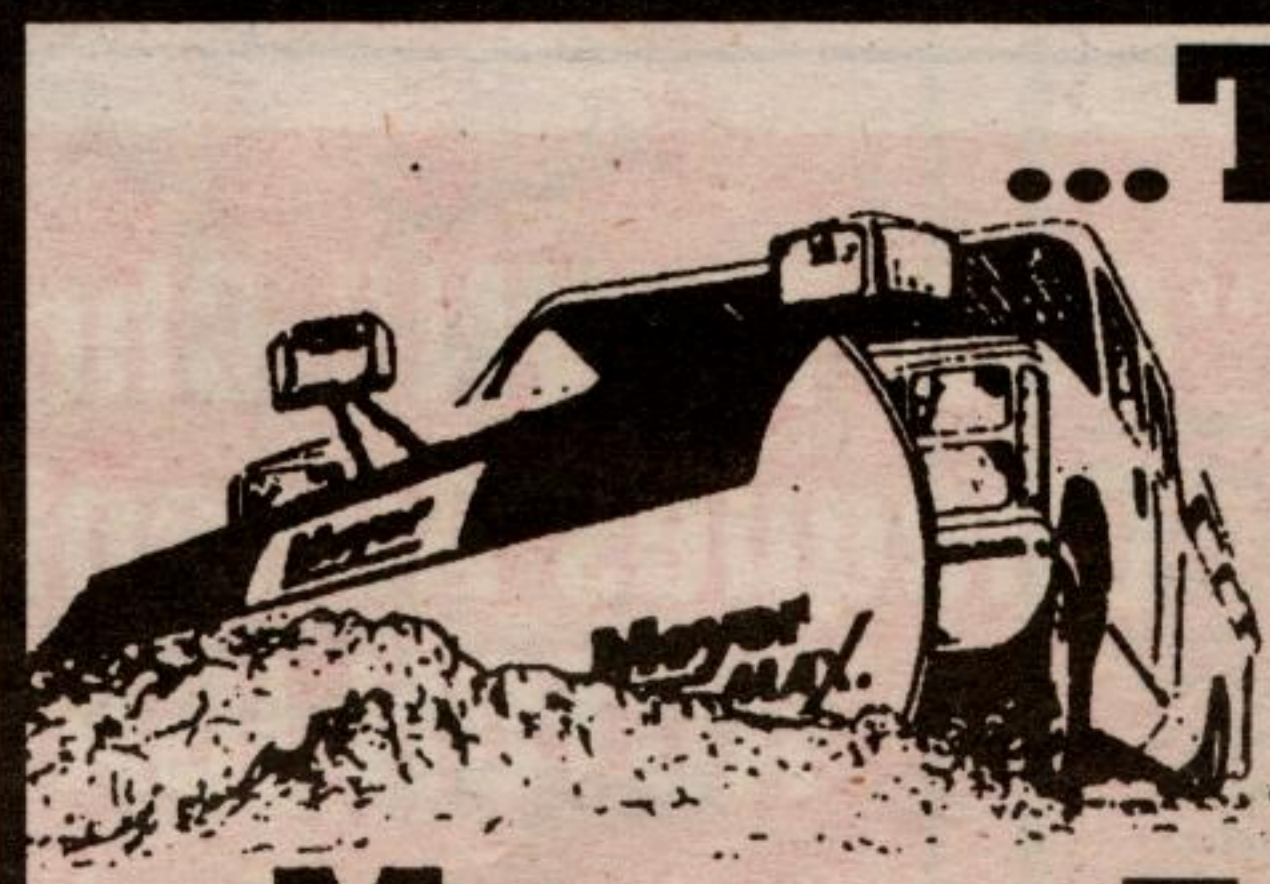
Shortly before police were advised of the entry, a car was seen parked in front of the store. It was described as a mid-sized white four-door car, in good condition, with black side moulding.

A tall, slim male jumped into the passenger side of the car before it sped south on Main Street.

Phone Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151 if you can suggest a possible suspect. You need not give your name, and you may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

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